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Applicants:

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Between High Speed Processor and

Slow Peripheral

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.